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Hello

Highlights in a very busy week have been:

- Officially opening the Fire and Rescue NSW Regional Firefighter Championships in Griffith on Saturday. Teams from all over NSW, as well as a team from Victoria, gathered to learn, practise their skills and compete.
- -On Sunday, travelling to Melton Grove (250km north west of Hay) to meet a group of young farming families and hear the issues they are facing with drought, assistance, isolation, dirt roads, education and their local councils. Thanks Zach Harris for organising and everyone for their hospitality.
- Receiving the petition on a sub-acute treatment clinic for young people in Griffith from Tricia Johnson and Pat Cox on Monday. The clinic would help to fill in the gaps between existing services. Thanks to all involved in collecting signatures and signing this important

petition. I have now delivered it to Sydney.

- In Parliament, joining Minister for Education Rob Stokes to speak to students at Tooleybuc Central School via video conference regarding the school's wellbeing initiatives. It was a real pleasure to talk to the students and staff, particularly during Education Week.
- Speaking to the Parliament on:
 - Griffith PCYC's multi-million dollar upgrade
 - The new Hay Health and Fitness Centre
 - Drought assistance
 - The phenomenal achievement of Deniliquin's Brenda Norman, who has successfully swum the English Channel.
Congratulations Brenda!
- Meeting with many constituents today in Griffith, including Kirrilly Salvestro and the team from Linking Communities Network to talk through their experiences with issues such as homelessness.

Kind regards

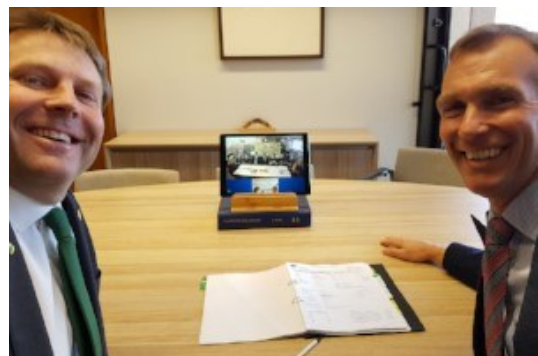
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Education Week: Tooleybuc Central School 'Virtual Visit' to Parliament House

This week being Education Week I was proud to join with Education Minister Rob Stokes to speak to students at Tooleybuc Central School via video conference regarding the school's wellbeing initiatives.



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The Business Bus is coming

The Business Bus is coming to Murray next week! Business owners can visit the bus to receive specialist advice from 9 am - 3 pm at:

- Deniliquin - 14 August
- Hay - 15 August
- Balranald - 16 August
- Wentworth - 17 August

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Historic Long Paddock route receives funding

Wonderful news the historic Long Paddock route will receive \$100,000 in NSW Government heritage funding. Digital stories will be placed along the route, which stretches from Moama to Wilcannia, benefiting the towns in Murray River Council, Edward River Council and Hay Shire Council, as well as the unincorporated area of outback NSW.

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Euston receives resilience funding boost

The community of Euston will benefit from a grant to Local Land Services, allowing the delivery of first aid training, which includes a mental health component. The funding has been received through the NSW Government Community Resilience Innovation Program.

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Murray set to share in \$1.6M for regional arts digitisation

Griffith City Council will receive \$48,105 through the NSW Government's new Regional Cultural Fund. With the funding the Council will digitise Griffith City Library's collection of original material relating to the development of Griffith and the MIA.



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Everyone can play in Murray

New draft design guidelines for the NSW Government's \$20M Everyone Can Play initiative are currently on public exhibition.

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HAVE YOU SEEN ME?

	NAME: James West MISSING SINCE: 27 August 2006		NAME: Melcom Cross MISSING SINCE: 3 August 1988		NAME: Tanya Nicholls MISSING SINCE: September 1988
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CRIME STOPPERS 1800 333 000

MISSING PERSONS

30 NATIONAL MISSING PERSONS WEEK 2018

www.missingpersons.gov.au

NMIPW2018

National Missing Person's Week 2018

This week has marked the 30th anniversary of National Missing Person's Week. The week aims to raise awareness of the thousands of Australians who have been reported missing and the impacts their unexplained absence has on their family and friends.

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Grants to help Aboriginal groups tackle environmental protection projects

Applications are now open for the Protecting Our Places grant program, which empowers Aboriginal community groups and organisations to protect, conserve and restore cultural landscapes and waterways.

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Supporting
**Homelessness
Week**

06 - 12 August 2018



It's Homelessness Week 2018 - spare a thought for those at risk of or those who are experiencing homelessness.

Grants, scholarships and awards

Conservation Partner Grants to support private landholders in NSW. Offered through the Biodiversity Conservation Trust. Ongoing subject to availability.

Local Grandparent of the Year Awards to celebrate the valuable contributions of grandparents and older people in the electorate. Closing 17 August.

Back to the Track Grants to build stronger links with local communities and racetracks. Open from 1 August to 27 August.

Grandparents Day Photography Competition. Closing 14 September.

Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program providing access to a defibrillator for sporting clubs. Closing 14 September.

Heritage Green Energy Grants for owners or managers of heritage buildings to make them more energy efficient. Closing 30 September 2018.

Protecting our Places grants to empower Aboriginal community groups and organisations to protect, conserve and restore cultural landscapes and waterways. Closing 8 October 2018.

[More details](#) on other funding opportunities.



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